## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Chris BERTELO et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1711

For: IMPACT ADDITIVE OF THE CORE/SHELL TYPE FOR THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS (AS AMENDED)

## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed on March 20, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows and consider the remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

## Please add the following claims:

- -- 49. A thermoplastic polymer composition containing a core/shell impact additive said impact additive comprising:
- a) 70 % to 90 % by weight of a crosslinked elastomeric core composed of a copolymer (I) of an n-alkyl acrylate, the alkyl group having a carbon number ranging from 5 to 12, of a polyfunctional crosslinking agent possessing unsaturated groups in its molecule, at least one of which is a vinyl group, and diallyl maleate as a grafting agent, and
- b) 30 % to 10 % by weight of a shell grafted onto the said core composed of a polymer of an alkyl methacrylate, the alkyl group of which has a carbon number ranging from 1 to 4, or alternatively of a statistical copolymer of an alkyl methacrylate, the alkyl group of which has a carbon number ranging from 1 to 4, and of an alkyl acrylate, the alkyl group of which has a carbon number ranging from 1 to 8, containing a molar amount of alkyl

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